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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group 1, claim(s) 39, 41-58 and 66-76, drawn to a method for controlling web tensions in a multi- web system, and a device for controlling web tensions in a multi-web system with a control system for setting the web tension of at least two webs.

Group 2, claim(s) 40, 59-65, drawn to a method for the control of web tensions in a press which processes or works on paper.

2. The inventions listed as Groups 1 and 2 do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

- a. Group 1, related to method and device for regulating web tension in a multiple-web system using a regulating system comprising two separate regulating process for regulating the tension of the webs relative to each other and for regulating the tension of each individual web, it being possible for the second regulating process to work using fuzzy logic.

- b. Group 2, related for regulating a parameter in a paper-processing machine comprising two regulating processes, a preset value for a parameter being generated in the first regulating process on the basis of a rule and/or characteristic field and supplied to a second regulating process that works using fuzzy logic, thereby modifying at least one fuzzification term.
3. A telephone call was made to Mr. Douglas R. Hanscom (Registration No. 26,600) on 06/16/2006 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

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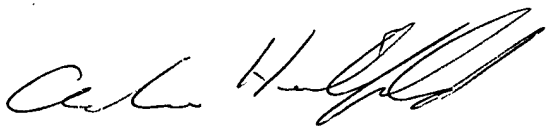
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wasseem H. Hamdan whose telephone number is (571) 272-2166. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (first Friday off) 6:30 AM- 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew H. Hirshfeld can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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